



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: TIRE BUILDING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A tire building apparatus comprising a group of many segments adapted to be enlarged in the radial direction to pushingly lock a bead portion of a green tire, a ring-shaped inner piston engaging with the segments of such a group and moving inward in a direction of an axial line to enlarge the size of each of the segments, a ring-shaped outer piston contacting and engaging with a back face of the inner piston to move the inner piston inward in the direction of the axial line, a cylinder slidably housing the inner piston and the outer piston in its double wall, a pair of pressure acting means moving each of the inner piston and outer piston housed in the double wall inward or outward in the direction of the axial line, and a stopper formed in the

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